

REMARKS

SPECIES ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, issuing a Species Election/Restriction Requirement in the instant application. An Office Action was originally issued in the application on March 9, 2006. However, Applicants did not receive the Office Action until August 2, 2006, because the Office Action was sent in error by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to the law firm Morgan, Lewis & Brockius, LLP in Palo Alto, California. Applicants thank Mr. Carl Friedman, the Supervisor of Group Art Unit 3632, for withdrawing the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, from the application.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Species 1, drawn to the device of Figures 2 and 3. The Office Action states that claim 1 is generic. Applicants believe that claims 1-7 and 11 are readable on Species I. Accordingly, Applicants have retained original claims 1-7 and 11 in the application, and have canceled claims 8-10 without prejudice. Applicant fully reserves all rights to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected species, the original claims, and any canceled claims in one or more subsequent related applications.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments and remarks be made of record in the file of the above-identified application. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition of allowance. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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